Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus having functions for

recording contents recorded on a first recording medium onto a storage unit of said apparatus,

said apparatus comprising:

recording unit for recording the contents of the first recording medium onto the

storage unit;

storing unit for storing information regarding each track on the first recording medium

as recording history information in said apparatus at the time the contents of the first

recording medium are recorded onto the storage unit by said recording unit;

determining unit for determining whether a track on the first recording medium was

previously recorded or not onto the storage unit by said recording unit based on said

recording history information stored in said apparatus;

a display; and

display control unit for controlling display of information on said display regarding a

track that was not previously recorded as determined by said determining unit, wherein said

display control unit initially indicates the track that was not previously recorded as being

selected for recording by said recording unit from the first recording medium to the storage

unit.

2. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said recording history information contains audio recording history information

which records the number of times that audio recording has been made for each track of the

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first recording medium, title saving information of the contents, and play list information.

3. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus having functions for recording contents recorded on a first recording medium onto a storage unit of the apparatus, said method comprising:

a recording step for recording the contents of the first recording medium onto the storage unit;

a storing step for storing information regarding each track on the first recording medium as recording history information in the apparatus at the time the contents of the first recording medium are recorded onto the storage unit in said recording step;

a step for determining whether a track on the first recording medium was previously recorded or not to the storage unit of the apparatus based on said recording history information stored in the apparatus; and

a display control step for controlling display of information on a display of the apparatus regarding a track that was not previously recorded to the apparatus, wherein the track that was not previously recorded is initially indicated as being selected for recording in said recording step from the first recording medium to the storage unit.

4. (Currently Amended) A program storing medium recording a computer-readable information processing program for controlling an information processing apparatus having functions for recording contents recorded on a first recording medium onto a storage unit of the apparatus, said program comprising:

code for a recording control step for controlling recording of the contents of the first recording medium onto the storage unit;

code for a storing control step for controlling storing of information regarding each track on the first recording medium as recording history information in the apparatus at the time the contents of the first recording medium are recorded onto the storage unit in said recording control step;

code for a step for determining whether a track on the first recording medium was previously recorded or not to the storage unit of the apparatus based on said recording history information stored in the apparatus; and

code for a display control step for controlling display of information on a display of the apparatus regarding a track that was not previously recorded to the apparatus, wherein the track that was not previously recorded is initially indicated as being selected for recording in said recording control step from the first recording medium to the storage unit.

5. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising checking-in means for rendering unusable the contents recorded onto a second recording medium from the first recording medium,

wherein said storing unit is further configured for storing information regarding the contents as recording history information at the time of the contents recorded onto the second recording medium being rendered unusable, and

wherein said recording history information includes a check-out number which is decremented when said recording unit records the contents on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and is incremented when said checking in means renders unusable the contents recorded onto the second recording medium from the first recording medium.

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6. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said display control unit is configured to display indicia indicating manual selection or deselection of tracks for recording by said recording unit from the first recording medium to the storage unit.

- 7. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said display control unit displays indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to Claim 3, further comprising a checking in step for rendering unusable the contents recorded onto a second recording medium from the first recording medium,

wherein said storing step further stores information regarding the contents as recording history information at the time of the contents recorded onto the second recording medium being rendered unusable, and

wherein said recording history information includes a check-out number which is decremented when said recording step records the contents on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and is incremented when said checking in step renders unusable the contents recorded onto the second recording medium from the first recording medium.

9. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to Claim 3, wherein said display control step displays indicia indicating manual selection or deselection of tracks for recording in said recording step from the first recording medium to the storage unit.

10. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to Claim 3, wherein said display control step displays indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

11. (Previously Presented) The program according to Claim 4, further comprising code for a checking in control step for controlling the rendering unusable of the contents recorded onto a second recording medium from the first recording medium,

wherein the code for the storing control step further controls storing of information regarding the contents as recording history information at the time of the contents recorded onto the second recording medium being rendered unusable in said checking in control step, and

wherein said recording history information includes a check-out number which is decremented when said recording control step records the contents on the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and is incremented when said checking in control step renders unusable the contents recorded onto the second recording medium from the first recording medium.

- 12. (Previously Presented) The program according to Claim 4, wherein said code for the display control step displays indicia indicating manual selection or deselection of tracks for recording in said recording control step from the first recording medium to the storage unit.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The program according to Claim 4, wherein said code for the display control step displays indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

14. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for transferring contents from a first recording medium to a second recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

means for determining whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium;

means for selecting a portion or portions of the contents for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

means for recording the selected portion or selected portions of the contents from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

means for storing recorded history information regarding the selected portion or selected portions of the contents recorded from the first recording medium to the second recording medium; and

means for displaying a list on said apparatus indicating the selected portion or selected portions and a non-selected portion or non-selected portions of the contents,

wherein said recording means records from the first recording medium to the second recording medium the displayed selected portion or selected portions, and

wherein said selecting means initially, automatically selects portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that do not have recorded history information present in said apparatus, and wherein said selecting means initially does not select portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that have recorded history information present in said apparatus.

15. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to Claim

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14, wherein said selecting means is configured to allow manual selection or deselection of portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising means for displaying indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

18. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus for transferring contents from a first recording medium to a second recording medium, said method comprising:

determining whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium;

selecting a portion or portions of the contents for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

recording the selected portion or selected portions of the contents from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

storing recorded history information regarding the selected portion or selected portions of the contents recorded from the first recording medium to the second recording medium; and

displaying a list on a display of the apparatus indicating the selected portion or selected portions and a non-selected portion or non-selected portions of the contents, wherein said recording step records from the first recording medium to the second

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recording medium the displayed selected portion or selected portions, and

wherein said selecting step includes initially, automatically selecting portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that do not have recorded history information present in said apparatus, and wherein said selecting step initially does not select portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that have recorded history information present in said apparatus.

- 19. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to Claim 18, wherein said selecting step includes allowing manual selection or deselection of portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.
 - 20. (Canceled)
- 21. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to Claim 18, further comprising displaying indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A program storing medium recording a computer-readable information processing program for controlling an information processing apparatus for transferring contents from a first recording medium to a second recording medium, said program comprising:

code for determining whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium;

code for selecting a portion or portions of the contents for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

code for controlling recording of the selected portion or selected portions of the contents from the first recording medium to the second recording medium;

code for controlling storing of recorded history information regarding the selected portion or selected portions of the contents recorded from the first recording medium to the second recording medium; and

code for controlling displaying of a list on a display of the apparatus indicating the selected portion or selected portions and a non-selected portion or non-selected portions of the contents,

wherein said code for controlling recording is configured to control recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium the displayed selected portion or selected portions, and

wherein said code for selecting is configured to initially, automatically select portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that do not have recorded history information present in said apparatus, and wherein said code for selecting initially does not select portion or portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording that have recorded history information present in said apparatus.

- 23. (Previously Presented) The program according to Claim 22, wherein said code for selecting is configured to allow manual selection or deselection of portions of the contents of the first recording medium for recording from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.
 - 24. (Canceled)
 - 25. (Previously Presented) The program according to Claim 22, further comprising

code for controlling displaying of indicia indicating whether or not recorded history information is present in said apparatus for the contents of the first recording medium.

26. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

judging unit for judging whether a predetermined recording medium is mounted to the apparatus based on a media specific identification information,

wherein said storing unit stores the recording history information associating with media specific identification information of the first recording medium, and

wherein said determining unit determines when the first recording medium is mounted.

27. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to Claim 3, further comprising:

a judging step for judging whether a predetermined recording medium is mounted to the apparatus based on a media specific identification information,

wherein said storing step stores the recording history information associating with media specific identification information of the first recording medium, and

wherein said determining step determines when the first recording medium is mounted.

28. (Previously Presented) The program according to Claim 4, further comprising: code for a judging step for judging whether a predetermined recording medium is mounted to the apparatus based on a media specific identification information,

wherein said storing control step stores the recording history information associating with media specific identification information of the first recording medium, and

wherein said determining step determines when the first recording medium is mounted.

29. (New) An information processing apparatus for recording contents stored on a recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

a storage unit configured to store recording history information;

a determining unit configured to determine whether or not one or more tracks on the recording medium were previously recorded onto said storage unit based on said recording history information;

a display configured to display one or more selected tracks for recording from the recording medium onto said storage unit;

a display control unit configured to control a display of information on said display to initially indicate as selected tracks the one or more tracks on the recording medium that were determined as not being previously recorded onto said storage unit; and

a recording unit configured to record said one or more selected tracks from the first recording medium onto said storage unit.

- 30. (New) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein said display control unit is further configured to control said display of information on said display to show indicia indicating manual selection or deselection of tracks for recording by said recording unit from the recording medium to said storage unit.
 - 31. (New) An information processing method for an information processing

apparatus for recording contents stored on a recording medium, said method comprising:

determining whether or not one or more tracks on the recording medium were previously recorded onto a storage unit of the apparatus based on recording history information stored in the storage unit;

controlling a display of information on a display of the apparatus to initially indicate that the one or more tracks on the recording medium that were determined as not being previously recorded onto the storage unit are one or more selected tracks for recording from the recording medium onto the storage unit; and

recording the one or more selected tracks from the first recording medium onto the storage unit.

- 32. (New) The information processing method according to Claim 31, wherein said step of controlling the display of information on the display further includes showing indicia indicating manual selection or deselection of tracks for recording in said step for recording from the recording medium to the storage unit.
- 33. (New) A program storing medium recording a computer-readable information processing program for controlling an information processing apparatus for recording contents stored on a first recording medium, said program comprising:

code for a step for determining whether or not one or more tracks on the recording medium were previously recorded onto a storage unit of the apparatus based on recording history information stored in the storage unit;

code for a step for controlling a display of information on a display of the apparatus to initially indicate that the one or more tracks on the recording medium that were determined as Application Serial No.: 09/975,827

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not being previously recorded onto the storage unit are one or more selected tracks for recording from the recording medium onto the storage unit; and

code for a step for recording the one or more selected tracks from the first recording medium onto the storage unit.

34. (New) The program according to Claim 33, wherein said code for the step for controlling the display of information on the display further includes code for showing indicia indicating manual selection or deselection of tracks for recording in said step for recording from the recording medium to the storage unit.